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For: A STRUCTURAL ELEMENT INCLUDING A NUT FOR
FASTENING TO AN UPRIGHT, AND A
CORRESPONDING MOTOR VEHICLE

Examiner: Not yet assigned
Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the
Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first
Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the
information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of
the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the
above-identified application.

The above-identified U.S. application claims priority to International Application PCT/FR2003/002062, filed on July 2, 2003, which claims priority to French application FR02/08333, filed on July 3, 2002. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of PCT/FR2003/002062, then the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of same.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application (PCT/FR2003/002062).

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

FR 2766783 appears to be directed to a motor vehicle chassis structure using bolt assembly. An English language abstract is provided.

EP 0636800 appears to be directed to a bodyshell with caged nuts being kept by welded joints. An English language abstract is provided.

DE 10015956 appears to be directed to a cage nut having a cylindrical sleeve which covers the nut extended by curved flanges which fit through a bore in component on which it is to be mounted whose cages are bent back to fasten the nut in place. An English language abstract is provided.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
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		EP	0 636 800	A1	Adam Opel AG	02-01-1995	Abstract only
		FR	2 766 783	A1	Renault	02-05-1999	Abstract only

OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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